



**PODIATRIST PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT  
HEALTH CARE FRAUD**

**Activity Date: July 25, 2018**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2018-330**

A podiatrist pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to conspiracy to commit health care fraud, money laundering, and mail fraud on July 25, 2018. According to court documents, the podiatrist received kickbacks for prescribing unnecessary compounded medications to patients without their knowledge. As a result of the scheme, Amtrak's insurance providers were fraudulently charged approximately \$22,000. Two other defendants were indicted on similar charges on May 24, 2018, as a result of the investigation, and one of those defendants was subsequently arrested on July 20, 2018. Criminal judicial proceedings for all three defendants are pending.

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